

U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command



One Operator
One Manager
One Defender

9th Army Signal Command

It was the 18th of April in 1775. Two lanterns were set ablaze atop the Old North Church in Boston, indicating a British attack by sea. Noting the signal, Paul Revere set out on horseback to spread the word: "The British are coming!" Revere rode from Charlestown to Medford, and finally to Lexington warning of the attack and readying the minutemen along the way. His historic ride robbed the British of the element of surprise. When they converged on Lexington later that morning, they found the colonists ready and waiting.

If Paul Revere were alive today, he'd be astonished. While the fundamental need to communicate remains the same, the methods have radically changed. Recognizing that "whoever controls the information controls the battle," the Department of Defense has built a **Global Information Grid**: A secure information network that enables voice, data and video messages to be communicated around the world. This network links hardware, software and human hands to provide up-to-date, accurate situational awareness -- awareness that enables strategic decisions and decisive actions. At the heart of this communication process is the **U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command**.

NETCOM/9th ASC ensures the Army's portion of the Global Information Grid is available and protected. We react on a moment's notice to establish communication services in remote locations. We operate, manage and defend the network to keep it free from hackers, viruses and other dangers. We ensure that our network components work with those from other branches of the military, providing a real-time, comprehensive view of the battlefield to the Joint Task Force. We ensure that the U.S. Military's Joint Vision 2010 is met by maintaining Information Superiority.

The spirit of Paul Revere lives on in NETCOM/9th ASC. Like him, we are responsive and mobile. We share his urgent desire to sound the alarm, to inform our leaders and to support the warfighter. When the British invaded Lexington, they found the colonists armed and ready. The warfighter of the future must be armed with information and we will be ready to facilitate it.

We are the Voice of the Army.